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E.O. 12065 XDS-1 2/21/99 (CHAPLIN, MAXWELL) OR-M
TAGS SHUM, AR
SUBJECT [REDACTED] OCEAN DISPOSALS OF PRISONERS' BODIES REPORTEDLY
HALTED BY NAVY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 530

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT)

2. REFTEL INCLUDED STATEMENT OF MEMBER OF PERMANENT
ASSEMBLY OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF HIS BELIEF THAT AIRCRAFT
FROM THE PUNTO INDIO NAVAL AIR BASE HAVE BEEN USED TO
DISPOSE OF PRISONERS' BODIES AT SEA. RECENTLY AN
ARMY INTELLIGENCE SOURCE, WHOSE REPORTING OF COUNTER-
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN USUALLY RELIABLE IN THE
PAST, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY
HAD CEASED FLIGHT FOR DISPOSAL OF BODIES AT SEA.

3. HE SAID THAT THE NAVY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DIRECTED
(BY WHOM WAS UNCLEAR) TO CEASE THESE FLIGHTS, BUT HAD
CONTINUED THEM. NOW HE BELIEVED THAT, AS A RESULT OF

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THE EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE DISCOVERY OF CADAVERS
RECENTLY WASHING ASHORE, A NEW DIRECTIVE HAD BEEN

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ISSUED TO CEASE THE SEA DISPOSAL OPERATION AND
THAT THEY WOULD STOP.

4. COMMENT: FOR MONTHS THE EMBASSY HAS
RECEIVED REPORTS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES TO THE
EFFECT THE GOA WAS DISPOSING OF BODIES AT SEA.
THIS LATEST REPORT SEEMS TO CONFIRM THE EARLIER
ONES IN RETROSPECT.
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